

Amendments to the Specification:

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Summary of the Invention

In one aspect, the invention features a service center coupled to a gaming network and to an automatic teller network. The service center comprises a player identifier structured to validate a user as a holder of a player account on the gaming network. The service center further includes a ticket reader and a verifier coupled to the player identifier and the ticket reader. The verifier is structured to validate a ticket that is inserted into the ticket reader. A payment dispenser is structured to eject from the service center an amount of value after the ticket is validated.

In another aspect, the invention features a method of servicing a player account at a service center coupled to a gaming network on which a plurality of player accounts are stored. The method comprises establishing a data connection to a gaming network and accepting an identification of a user. Information from the identification is compared to user data stored on the gaming network. The player is authorized when the information matches the stored user data. A ticket is accepted from the user. Data from a ticket is compared to ticket data stored on the gaming network. Something of value is provided to the user if the data from the ticket matches the stored ticket data.